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The Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations established in Belgium and has the honour to forward them recent information about the vaccination campaign in Belgium.

- 1.** Reminder of the note verbale dd. February 5, 2021:  
All members of diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations who reside in Belgium and who are registered with the Protocol Directorate will be included in the national vaccination strategy. Vaccination is optional. It is organized by the competent regional authorities.
- 2.** The Crossroads Bank for Social Security (BCSS) has assigned a social security identification number (NISS) to some 11,000 holders of a special residence permit bearing the letter "C" or "D".  
The approximately 50,000 other holders of special residence permits with the letter "P" or "S" already have an NISS.
- 3.** The entire diplomatic and international community is now in a position to receive an invitation to be vaccinated. **No individual action is necessary to this effect.** Invitations will be sent:
  - to the personal address of holders of a special "P" or "S" residence permit;
  - to the address of the diplomatic or consular mission or the international organization to which the holders of a special "D" or "C" residence permit belong.
- 4.** The vaccination plan ([link: click here](#)) is drawn up by the Vaccination TaskForce and validated by the Interministerial Public Health Commission. This outlook is subject to change depending on the availability of vaccines.  
Some categories of people have priority, in particular those over 65 and those suffering from co-morbidities.
- 5.** Patients with co-morbidities should have their condition confirmed **by their general practitioner**. He/she will notify the priority for patients at risk in their digital medical file. This file is linked to the NISS to which doctors, in principle, have access.  
Patients who do not have a general practitioner can go to a general practitioner of their choice who will open a medical file and notify their risk condition if applicable.

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and international organizations established in Belgium

The Protocol Directorate strongly encourages the entire diplomatic community to follow up on invitations to be vaccinated. It recalls that the practical aspects – invitations, organization of vaccination centers, etc. – are a regional competence. The details of the modalities vary slightly depending on the region but in general, each person who will have received an invitation will be able to choose their vaccination date within a determined timeframe.

Further information can be found on the websites of the respective regions:

Brussels-Capital: <https://coronavirus.brussels/vaccination-covid-menu/>

Wallonia: <https://www.jemevaccine.be/>

Flanders: <https://www.laatjevaccineren.be/>

The Protocol Directorate would like to point out that it is not authorized to process medical data or to assist people in registering in the appointment system organized by the regional authorities. When the time comes, everyone will have to communicate their choice according to the terms detailed in the invitation letter.

The Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations established in Belgium the assurances of its highest consideration.

Done in Brussels on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2021.

